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SUBJECT: PHALANGE-FEDAYEEN CEASEFIRE

1. ACCORDING TO KHALIL KHOURY, WELL INFORMED SON OF FORMER
PRESIDENT KHOURY AND AN ARMY SOURCE, PALESTINIANS AND PHALANGE
AGREED TO A CEASEFIRE EFFECTIVE 2:00 P.M. (LOCAL) APRIL 15.
CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT RESULTED FROM A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS HELD
THIS MORNING. PRESIDENT FRANGIE HAD MEETING AT HIS REQUEST IN HIS
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BEDROOM AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL WITH PIERRE GEMAYEL,

LEADER OF THE PHALANGE PARTY WHO ALSO MET WITH MAHMOUD RIAD, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ARAB LEAGUE WHO IS IN LEBANON TO HELP MEDIATE BETWEEN THE PHALANGE AND THE PALESTINIANS. ACCORDING TO KHOURY, BOTH ARAFAT AND ABU ZAIM, MILITARY COMMANDER OF PLO FORCES, WERE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE PRESIDENT BY TELEPHONE. THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY A MEETING HELD BY LEBANESE ELDER STATESMAN, HENRY PHARAON, WITH MEMBERS OF THE PHALANGE PARTY AND FOLLOWERS OF KAMAL JUMBLATT WHO HAS, OF COURSE, BEEN CLOSE TO THE FEDAYEEN.

3. PIERRE GEMAYEL, ACCORDING TO KHOURY, HAD AGREED TO TURN OVER SOME OF HIS MEN TO THE GOL AS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE PALESTINIAN BUS APRIL 13 WHICH INVOLVED SOME 20 DEATHS AND WHICH SPARKED IN GREAT PART THE PRESENT CRISIS. KHOURY CONSIDERED THIS WAS PART OF A LEBANESE SOLUTION IN THAT HE WAS CERTAIN THE MEN WOULD BE HELD FOR MAYBE A WEEK OR SO AND THEN RELEASED. THE PALESTINIANS WERE TO MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGING THE CEASEFIRE.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CEASEFIRE HAS NOT HELD. IT IS, HOWEVER, AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT IN THAT THE PARTIES ARE TALKING AND AGREED TO A CEASEFIRE. IT ALSO REFLECTS THE CONCERN AND EFFORTS OF A VARIETY OF PEOPLE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT TO RESOLVE THE PRESENT CRISIS.
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